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Precautions taken at Hongkong during the month of August, 1904, for the protection of the public health of the United States, the Insular Territory, and the Republic of Panama.

Vessels inspected and granted bills of health	30
Vessels fumigated to kill vermin	0
Personnel and passengers:	
Examined for diseases contemplated in paragraphs 29 and 67, Quarantine Regulations	2, 241
Required to bathe and undergo special examination	1, 272
	1, 843
	474
Aliens:	
Examined for diseases contemplated by the laws governing immigration	264
Rejected	149
Baggage:	
Inspected and labeled	112
Disinfected and labeled	1, 871

The shipment and transshipment hence of cargo and ship supplies was supervised by inspection, disinfection, storage detention, and certification of shipping orders.

Return of quarantinable diseases.—Plague, 21 cases, 20 deaths; cholera, no cases, no deaths; variola, 2 cases, no deaths.

Emigrants recommended for rejection.

Number of emigrants per steamship *Mongolia* recommended, September 13, for rejection: For Honolulu, 16; for San Francisco, 60.

Number of emigrants per steamship *America Maru* recommended, September 13, for rejection: For San Francisco, 2.

Reports from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels—Smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, September 15, as follows: During the week ended September 10, 1904, 3 original and 3 supplemental bills of health were issued, and there were inspected 6 vessels, 520 crew, 121 cabin and 139 steerage passengers, together with 124 pieces of baggage. Twenty-one pieces of baggage were disinfected. There were also disinfected with sulphur dioxide 1 vessel and the effects of 65 Asiatics. Manifests were viséed for 53,620 pieces of freight, and 6 pieces (personal effects) were inspected and passed.

There were examined 6 emigrants bound to the United States via steamship *America Maru*, 2 of whom were rejected.

The report of the municipal health officer shows for the week smallpox, 1 death; enteric fever, 2 cases; diphtheria, 3 deaths, and tuberculosis, 30 deaths. The total mortality reported was 2 foreigners and 126 natives.

Cholera, while not mentioned in the health officer's report, is believed to be still present to a very slight extent among the natives, but no figures can be obtained. There has not been a single case among the Shanghai foreign population this year, and the condition of the weather is such that the disease should speedily disappear entirely.

No communicable diseases were reported from out ports.

Emigrant recommended for rejection.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, September 17, as follows: One emigrant per steamships *Wing Lang* and *Kanagawa Maru* for Seattle, recommended, September 17, for rejection.